

# COLUMBIAN MARTYRS

## ASSEMBLY 2380

Knights of Columbus



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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Last spring I learned of a council in the Diocese of Steubenville that sold buttons that read “It’s OK to say Merry Christmas to me.” My approach to the corporate political correctness has been to smile and remember the other holy days in the Advent and Christmas seasons. If the mood strikes me, I might even reply, “If your management knew all of the Catholic holidays I celebrate during this time of the year, you wouldn’t even be allowed to say ‘Happy Holidays’ to me.” As a reminder, here are the holidays we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season:

### NOVEMBER

11/30 – **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

11/30 – **Feast of St. Andrew**

### DECEMBER

12/3 – Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

12/4 – **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

12/6 – Optional Memorial of St. Nicholas

12/7 – Memorial of St. Ambrose

12/8 – **SOLEMNITY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
(OF MARY)**

12/9 – Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego

12/11 – **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

12/12 – **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

12/13 – **Memorial of St. Lucy**

12/14 – Memorial of St. John of the Cross

12/18 – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

12/21 – Optional Memorial of St. Peter  
Canisius

12/23 – Optional Memorial of St. John of  
Kanty

**12/25 – SOLEMNITY  
OF CHRISTMAS**

12/26 – **Feast of St. Stephen**

12/27 – Feast of St. John

12/28 – **Feast of the Holy Innocents**

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12/29 – Optional Memorial of St. Thomas  
Becket

12/30 – Feast of the Holy Family

12/31 – Optional Memorial of St. Sylvester I

### JANUARY

1/1 – **SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**

1/2 - Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and  
Gregory Nazianzen

1/3 – Optional Memorial of the Most Holy  
Name of Jesus

1/4 - Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1/5 – Memorial of St. John Neumann

1/6 – Optional Memorial of Saint Andre  
Bessette

1/7 – Optional Memorial of Saint Raymond  
of Penyafort

### 1/8 - SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY

#### 1/9 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas season. The entire season should be a time of rejoicing and celebration of birth of Jesus Christ. Please keep all of these holidays in mind when greeted with “Happy Holidays.” Whatever greeting you choose, please remember to Keep Christ in Christmas. Have a happy and safe Advent and Christmas.

--Brett Gissel, FN

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### The Blessings of Christmas Peace

Christmas is called “the most wonderful time of the year” for many good reasons. God pours out many graces during the Advent and Christmas seasons because the overall observance of Christmas helps so many of us to be more open to those graces.

That God loves us so much that He sent His Son to shine as a light in the darkness of our world and of our hearts has given hope and wonder and has fostered peace like no other occurrences in human (and angelic!) history.

God became as vulnerable as an infant child, even as vulnerable as a tiny child, developing in the womb! The angels proclaimed this publicly with glorious, heavenly praise at Jesus’ birth but also protected him through the guidance given to Joseph in his dreams. The shepherds marveled at this infant sleeping peacefully in a manger and the magi worshiped and honored him through the guidance given them marvelously by the star.

Christmas peace prompted the amazing Christmas Truce of 1914 during World War I.

As Christmas Eve settled in, British, French, Belgian, and German troops on both sides of the front in France and Belgium, which in some places was only 70 yards wide, began singing Christmas carols and tossing Christmas gifts and greetings to the opposing side.

From an article at [www.firstworldwar.com](http://www.firstworldwar.com), the unnamed author states, “Christmas day began quietly but once the sun was up the fraternization began. Again songs were sung and rations thrown to one another. It was not long before troops and officers started to take matters into their own hands and ventured forth. No-man’s land became something of a playground.

“Men exchanged gifts and buttons. In one or two places soldiers who had been barbers in civilian times gave free haircuts. One German, a juggler and a showman, gave an

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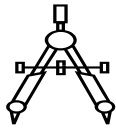
impromptu, and given the circumstances, somewhat surreal performance of his routine in the centre of no-man's land.

On January 1, 1915, the London *Times* published a letter from a major in the Medical Corps reporting that in his sector the British played a [soccer] game against the Germans opposite and were beaten 3-2.

Kurt Zehmisch of the 134th Saxons recorded in his diary: 'The English brought a soccer ball from the trenches, and pretty soon a

lively game ensued. How marvelously wonderful, yet how strange it was. The English officers felt the same way about it. Thus Christmas, the celebration of Love, managed to bring mortal enemies together as friends for a time.'"

May the Lord provide a similar gift of peace, of an enduring quality, in our hearts, and among our family members and friends.



### **December Business Meeting**

Our December meeting will be on at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 15 at the Bryce Eck Center (3880 Reed Rd., Columbus, OH 43220) of St. Andrew's Church.

### **Membership**

The next exemplification will be on April 28, 2012. Please invite any brother knight who is interested in joining the Fourth Degree or that you think would make a good Fourth Degree Knight to join.

### **Official Uniform**

In last month's newsletter, I reminded the assembly that in order to participate in Color Corps functions, one must possess the official regalia, in good repair. The assembly has some regalia available to borrow and can be borrowed if sufficient advance notice is given. This will continue

to be an option, but I encourage all members who intend to participate in Color Corps functions to purchase their own regalia.

The Assembly now has a surplus of regalia that has been donated and we have decided to sell the surplus, barring two or three full sets, at 70% of The English Company price for new regalia. Please see the report from our Pilot for prices.

### **Ladies of the Assembly**

We are looking for suggestions for programs for our ladies during our business meetings. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or our Faithful Captain, George Jones.

### **Newsletter**

If you are interested in being our newsletter editor, please contact me.

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### **Good Of The Order**

The Military, Veterans, SK John Blute, Greg Dagenfield, Fr. DiPietro and SK Tony Petrarca

### **Patriotism – An Unintended Sacrifice**

This piece is an excerpt of an article titled “[Desperate Plea for Catholic Chaplains to Serve](#)” and the entire article can be read on [www.missioncapodanno.org](http://www.missioncapodanno.org), formerly known as [www.CatholicMil.org](http://www.CatholicMil.org). My inclusion of this is not meant to be a criticism of our bishops as they “have to balance the pastoral needs of their local parish communities with those of their flock in the military.” Rather, this is to make us aware of the fact that our military not only risks their lives, but their souls are at risk of being lost as well.

--Brett Gissel, FN

**This Christmas, many Catholics in uniform won't have access to the sacraments.**

OSV Newsweekly, 12/26/2010: U.S. Army Spc. Regina Tetreault arrived in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division just a few days before Christmas in 2008.

Tetreault, 21, a lifelong Catholic, attended Mass on Christmas morning. For the next 11 months of her deployment, Tetreault, a transportation specialist, said her demanding work schedule made it difficult to attend Mass, but added that it was also not easy because only one Catholic military chaplain was stationed in her region.

“I felt like there wasn't the opportunity to receive the Eucharist or to have a priest hear my confession,” Tetreault said. “That was hard, but you have to be flexible. Since we didn't have many priests, you do what you can.”

Father David Daigle, a Navy lieutenant who serves as a chaplain aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier, says bishops need to be more open to their priests serving in the military.

“You look at the universal Church and you see military members going through

hardships. You're seeing the lay faithful going six to nine months without any connection to a Catholic priest,” said Father Daigle, who will lead an Advent penance service and a Christmas Mass for sailors and marines.

Father Richard Erikson, the vicar general for the Archdiocese of Boston and himself a colonel in the Air Force Reserve, was one of two Catholic chaplains in 2004 assigned to Balad Air Base, a military installation in Northern Iraq manned by 30,000 troops.

“We were under attack constantly. The questions of death, and life after death were very present and permeable to each individual. The Mass you celebrated, the confession you heard, could literally be the last one an individual received,” said Father Erikson, now mobilization assistant to the Air Force deputy chief of chaplains.

“Every diocese in the United States has hundreds of troops in the military. By providing priests for the military, you are caring for the people in your diocese,” said Father Erikson, adding that the Boston archdiocese has 10 priest-chaplains on active duty, one reservist recently called up to active duty and an additional 10 to 15 reservists.

“I can't think of a greater need for chaplains than in a war setting,” he said. “The sacraments we have become that much more important.”

U.S. Armed Forces combined have 275 priest-chaplains on active duty — there are supposed to be 1,000 — to serve an estimated 400,000 Catholic military service members and their immediate families. He said the numbers of priest-chaplains are expected to decline, increasing the risk that Catholic soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen will be alienated from the faith.



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### **Christmas Party**

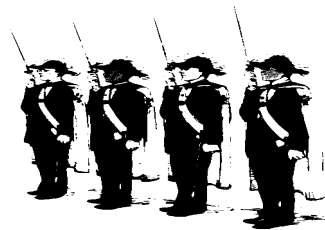
Assembly #2380's annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10th, from 6-10 p.m., at the St. Andrew Bryce Eck Activity Center. Members of the Assembly and their ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Please bring an appetizer or hors d'oeuvres to share. Beverages will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. if you plan on attending by contacting me by e-mail or phone!

### **Restaurant Suggestions**

Please contact me with restaurant suggestions for our upcoming social meetings.



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### **Requests for Honor Guard and Color Guard**

Please inform the Pilot at least two weeks prior to any upcoming event requesting involvement of either the Honor Guard or Color Guard.

### **Assembly Regalia Available For Events**

We have two full sets of regalia, one cape, and three chapeaus available for assembly members to borrow for participation in Honor Guard and Color Guard events. Please make your request for regalia in a timely manner to the Pilot.

### **Used Regalia For Sale**

We have some used regalia items for sale at 70% of The English Company price for new regalia. The pricing is as follows:

- Cape – \$75.60 (\$108 new)
- Chapeau – \$68.60 (\$98 new)
- Military Baldric – \$15.40 (\$22 new)

Please contact me if you would like to purchase any of our regalia.

### **Wakes and Funerals**

Honor Guard for wakes and funerals are to be telephoned immediately to the Pilot. The Pilot will coordinate the family request with the Comptroller and Navigator.

### **Upcoming Regalia Events**

Wednesday, December 7 – St. Joan of Arc Church (10700 Liberty Rd. S., Powell, OH 43065) / Vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary / Gather time – 6:00 PM / Mass – 6:30 PM / Procession and Blessing of Marian Grotto follow Mass / Honor Guard

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Thursday, December 8 – Bishop Hartley High School (1285 Zettler Rd., Columbus, OH 43227) / Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary / Gather time – 9:30 AM / Honor Guard

Sunday, December 11 – Immaculate Conception Church (414 E. North Broadway St., Columbus, OH 43214) / Mass and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dedication of Marian Grotto / Gather time – 11:00 AM / Mass – 11:30 AM / Honor Guard

Sunday, December 11 – Our Lady of Peace Church (20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus, OH 43214) / Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass / Gather time – 12:30 PM / Mass – 1:00 PM / Honor Guard



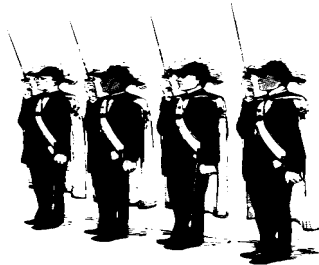
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### Dues

If any Sir Knight has not paid this year's dues, please do so immediately to avoid suspension. If anyone is suffering from a financial or physical hardship, please contact the Faithful Comptroller.

### Flag Pole Memorial

The Columbian Martyrs Assembly Knights of Columbus has established a Flag Pole Memorial to honor deceased members of the Assembly. The Memorial is located at the Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. As a Sir Knight in good standing at the time of your death, you may request your name on a plaque at the Memorial. The cost of the Memorial Plaque is presently \$75.00. To avoid decisions by your family at the time of your death, you may pre-pay. Please contact the Faithful Comptroller for more information.



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### Manual of the Sword Practice

Manual of the Sword Practice will be held upon request of any Sir Knight. Please call our Color Corps Commander to set up a time. All new Sir Knights should try to attend at least one Manual of the Sword Practice.

A request for a Manual of the Sword Practice has been requested at St. Michael Church. A date has not yet been scheduled. If you would to participate in this instruction, please look for updates on when and where this will take place.

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## November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by the **Faithful Navigator, SK Brett Gissel.**

❖ **The Faithful Pilot, SK Mike Davala** confirmed that all present have the current Fourth Degree membership card.

❖ **Faithful Navigator, SK Brett Gissel,** led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

❖ **SK Deacon Tom Berg** led the Assembly in the Our Father.

❖ **Faithful Comptroller SK Pat Rosmarin** made the Roll Call of Officers.

- Faithful Friar – SK Rev. Fr. Paul Hrezo - Excused
- Faithful Navigator – SK Brett Gissel - Present
- Faithful Captain – SK George Jones, DD, PGK - Excused
- Faithful Admiral – SK Dave Shiddenhelm, PFN - Present
- Faithful Pilot – SK Michael Davala - Present
- Faithful Comptroller – SK Patrick Rosmarin - Present
- Faithful Scribe – SK Marty Mostyn - Present
- Faithful Purser – SK William Dotzauer - Present
- Faithful Inner Sentinel – SK Tony Petrarca - Excused
- Faithful Outer Sentinel – SK Ed Dagenfield, PGK, PFN - Present
- Faithful Trustee (1 yr.) – SK Dr. Charles VonderEmbse - Excused
- Faithful Trustee (2 yr.) – SK Jim Ferega, PFN – Present
- Faithful Trustee (3 yr.) – SK Dr. Dennis Rowland – Present

❖ **Faithful Friars report by SK Rev. Fr. Paul Hrezo** – Excused – No Report

❖ **Reading of the bills and communications by SK Brett Gissel, FN, GK:**

- \$\$\$ for Post Office Box
- \$\$\$ to George Jones for food at Assembly meeting
- \$\$\$ to St. Andrew Church for Supplies
- Motion was approved to pay these bills

❖ **Faithful Navigator's Report by SK Brett Gissel, FN:**

- District Master has requested that all Assemblies in the District submit name Color Corps Commander and alternates so there is no confusion over who is and is not authorized to run the Color Corps at an event. I have sent a written letter listing Bill Neumeier as our CCC with Chris Damo and Dave Shiddenhelm as our alternates.
- Color Corps Commanders will do an inspection of uniforms at events
- A tuxedo has been made available to the Assembly through SK Jim Ferega, PFN

- I have been presenting the Fourth Degree at some council meetings for councils in the assembly. There should be a promotion of the Fourth Degree at every council meeting by the Fourth Degree members of the council.

❖ **Faithful Comptrollers Report by SK Pat Rosmarin:**

- Income - \$\$\$
- Expenses - \$\$\$
- Membership - 195

❖ **Faithful Pursers Report by SK William Dotzauer** – Bank balance of \$\$\$ before tonight's bills

❖ **Faithful Captains Report by SK George Jones, DD, PGK:** – Excused – No Report

❖ **Pilots Report by SK Mike Davala:**

- November 20 – Feast of Christ the King at Josephinum (9:45 AM)
- November 26 – Parish 50 year celebration at St. Timothy (4:30PM)
- December 7 – Vigil of Immaculate Conception at St. Joan of Arc (6:00 PM)
- December 11 – Our Lady of Guadalupe at Our Lady of Peace (12:30 PM)

❖ **Admirals Report by SK Dave Shiddenhelm, PFN:** No Report

❖ **Unfinished Business** – Motion to sell surplus regalia at price up to 70% of the cost new from The English Company passes

❖ **Trustees Report** – No Report

❖ **New Business:**

- Christmas Party is December 10 at the Bryce Eck Center
- New Third Degree ceremony to be introduced in February if degree team is certified in January
- Next Fourth Degree exemplification is April 28 at the Cherry Valley Lodge

❖ **Report of the Third Degree:**

- **Council 3727 - Assumption (St. Matthias)** - No Report.
- **Council 10765 - St. Joan of Arc** - No Report.
- **Council 11193 - St. Elizabeth reported by SK Howard Van Oss:**
  - November 20 - Family Memorial Mass and Rosary
  - December 1 – Euchre Night
  - December 11 – Blood Drive
  - December 18 - Breakfast with Santa
- **Council 11216 - St. Peter reported by SK Marty Mostyn:**
  - December 3-4 – Gift Card sales for Catholic scholarships
  - December 4 & 16 – Donut Sundays
  - December 4 – Food & Toy Drive for Fr. David Young
  - December 19 – Blood Drive
- **Council 11275 - St. Andrew reported by SK Michael Davala:**
  - November 21 – Memorial Mass
  - November 25 – Start Christmas tree sales
  - December 14 – Christmas Party

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- **Council 11311 - St. Agatha** – No Report
- **Council 11445 - St. Michael reported by SK Chris Damo, DD:**
  - November 20 – Memorial Mass and Corporate Communion
  - November 28 – WWII Veteran’s talk at Panera Bread in Clintonville
- **Council 14093 - St. Anthony** - No Report.
- **Council 14282 - Our Lady of Peace** - No Report.
- **Council 14345 - St. Timothy** – No Report.
- **Council 14962 - Immaculate Conception reported by SK Bob Kelly** –  
December 11 – Chocolate Festival.
- **Council 15009 - Pontifical College Josephinum** - No Report.

❖ **Good of the Order was read.**

The meeting was completed with the saying of the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father by SK Deacon Tom Berg and was formally closed by SK Brett Gissel, FN, GK.

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## Events / Birthdays

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			<b>1</b> Columbus Chapter Meeting at 7:30 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Patrick Welsh
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Phillip Gullatta	<b>8</b> Robert Cody David Rodgers	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Assembly 2380 Christmas party at 6:00 PM John Parker
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Loren Brown	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Alan LaForrest	<b>18</b> Andrew Wellmann
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Brian Moran	<b>31</b> Allen Zeulke	

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Jim Ferega (Maureen)  
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